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may we QUOTE you on that?

[1] Sen ALBEN W BARKLEY (D-Ky) discussing his status as a jr Senator, moments before his death from heart failure: "I am glad to sit on the back row, for I had rather be a servant in the house of the Lord than sit in the seats of the mighty."

. . . [2] CHAS E WILSON, Defense Sec'y, admitting Russia apparently has the edge in production of globe-girdling hydrogen bombers: "From the best information I have, they are currently bldg at a higher rate than we are." . . . [3] NIKOLAI BULGANIN, Soviet Premier, speaking in London: "You have to live with the neighbor that God has sent you and not with the neighbor you would like to have. . . You do not like communism. We do not like capitalism. But we must live in peace. . . There is only one way out—peaceful co-existence." . . . [4] Gen MARK W CLARK, opposing integration of troops for "military reasons": "I did not feel that we should inte-



grate (in '50) and I don't think so now. The worst division I had was a Negro division. . . I looked at it not from the sociological standpoint. . . I wanted the best fighting unit, politics or no politics." . . . [5] Rev W SPROULE Boyd, Johnstown, Pa, advocating "religious desegregation" at annual Methodist Conference: "I have been waiting in vain for this conference to do something courageous and prophetic. If it isn't honest enough to face this issue, I'll be discouraged about Methodism." . . . [6] Bishop Jas H GRIFFITHS, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of N Y, discussing the "rising American mattiarachy": "Never before in history has any country been possessed by such a high percentage of cowed males, who endure their married lives in mute docility and die mercilessly early with ulcers and high blood pressure."

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A casual observer of newspaper headlines might readily conclude that tax relief is again an imminent issue. This talk is spurred by optimistic forecasts of a \$2 billion surplus in this fiscal yr, and by Sec'y Humphrey's recent pronouncement that "taxes are too high and should be reduced."

Nevertheless, the simple economic facts are *against* a tax cut this yr. The overwhelming reason is that this action is not needed now to stimulate business. On the contrary, a tax cut would further encourage inflation, and would be action in direct contrast to the current Administration policy of restraint.

While the anticipated surplus is comforting, the sum is not large in relation to the total budget, and operational costs next yr will rise, primarily because of the increased defense program. Even a moderate falling off in trade, with a consequent reduction in tax receipts, could quickly eat up any surplus

and confront the Administration with a deficit.

Our gov't does not necessarily follow the course of an average householder, who is likely to disburse more when he has more to spend. Paradoxically a tax cut, because of its stimulating effect on the economy, is more likely to come in a period of declining business activity.

Of course we cannot completely ignore the axiom that it is "good politics" to cut taxes in Election Yr. If either party had a clear working majority in Congress, prospects for a cut would be enhanced. But, as matters stand, a substantial number of Democrats join with conservative Republicans in opposing a reduction in rates.

There is talk of voting a tax cut now to become effective in '57. But taxpayers are little impressed until they note an actual increase in take-home pay. So it seems likely that action will be postponed. Sec'y Humphrey is doubtless correct in saying that we approach a point of diminishing ret'ns in our tax rates, and that corrective action is desirable. But—don't hold your breath awaiting the reduction.

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"He who never quotes, is never quoted."

Charles Haddix

ACTION—1

The man who never hazards what he values for a cause that consumes him—never adds something of himself to his times—is bound always to live in an alien land—a world of someone else's making. The man who blazes new trails makes the forests his own.—FORD LEWIS, "Do You Dare Be Independent?" *New Outlook*, 4-'56.

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Some folks take a look at the green grass on the other side of the fence and do something about it. Others only sit and wish they could get up enough ambition to climb the fence. — *Pardeeville (Wis) Mid-Ind Tribune*.

AGE—2

Too many people discover that the faster you travel, the sooner old age catches up with you.—*Kokomo (Ind) Tribune*

ART—3

When Grant Wood painted scenes of his native Iowa, he would usually take artistic license painting the villages and fields the way he wished they looked rather than as they were. Once, when he got thru painting a neighbor's farm, having again improved something here and there, he showed the finished product to the farmer, who looked at it and remarked: "Yep, looks just like it—and thanks for cutting the weeds."—*American Mercury*.

BEHAVIOR—4

If we are to become the masters of science, not its slaves, we must learn to use its immense power to good purpose. The machine itself has neither mind, nor soul, nor moral sense. Only man has been endowed with these godlike attributes. Every age has its destined duty. Ours is to nurture an awareness of those divine attributes and a sense of responsibility in giving them expression.—DAVID SARNOFF.

CHARACTER—5

The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but rather what he becomes by it.—*American Way*.

CHILD—Training—6

You're so engrossed in thinking about the things you're consciously trying to teach your children, that you don't begin to realize how much you unconsciously pass on to them. Your speech is a minor item. They are also absorbing your attitudes, your prejudices, your standards of living. These are the things which stick with them far more lastingly than the precept you painstakingly iterate to them with definite pedagogical intentions.—*United Presbyterian*.

Quote

washington

by Les & Liz
Carpenter



The Lady of Freedom atop the Capitol dome is being prettied up, including the installation of some new trimmings for her bonnet. The 19½ ft Lady (often mistaken for an Indian, because of her headdress) serves a practical as well as a decorative purpose—the figure is a lightning rod for the bldg.

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A Congressional committee recently discovered that Washington's No 1 import is paper. And, fittingly enough, the No 1 export is also paper—waste paper.

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Campaign workers for Adlai Stevenson are telling this story on their rival, Sen Estes Kefauver: During the Minnesota campaign Kefauver arrived late for a speech and was rushed into the hall by an aide who was giving him a quick fill-in: "There are quite a few Indians in the audience," the aide explained. "Be sure to say something about the Indian problem." Kefauver asked: "What is the Indian problem?" Replied the aide: "The Indian problem, dammit, is that they are Indians."

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Stevenson is having trouble with his voice. "It isn't the speeches," he confides. "It's the noise at receptions; you have to holler to be heard."

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CHURCH—Contributions—7

One of the best tests of religion is to find yourself in church with nothing less than a dollar bill in your pocket.—*Wall St Jnl.*

CO-OPERATION—8

One merchant whose business always remained small boasted that he concentrated on his own business, never joined any associations or attended conventions.

"Those other fellows don't get any of my good ideas," he said firmly.

Another merchant, whose father started life as a pack peddler, built his store into a multi-million institution. "My business never really started to grow," this man said, "until I began to go out and exchange ideas with other merchants."—*Wright Line*, hm, Wright Line Inc.

COST—of Living—9

The U S Dept of Labor estimates that the cost of raising a child to the age of eighteen is about \$14,000 in a family with a \$5,000 income; \$22,000 in a family with a \$6,500 income, and \$31,000 in a family with a \$10,000 income.—*Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

CRITICISM—10

A big-league umpire once remarked he could never understand how crowds in the grandstand, hundreds of feet from the plate, could see better and judge more accurately than he, when he was only 7 ft away.

Another man commented that in life, too, we call strikes on a chap when we are too far away to understand. Perhaps if we had a closer view of the man and his problems we would reverse our decisions.—*Friendly Thoughts*.

book briefs



Book-of-the-Month Club, currently celebrating its 30th anniv, comes forth with some impressive statistics. Amongst the items we note that the Club has, in its 3 decades, distributed a total of 142 million books—more books than are to be found in all the libraries of the U. S. Those whose memories go back to '26 may recall that BOM was the subject of considerable pessimistic comment in early days. For yrs, when Harry Scherman, one of the founders, was asked how he started the Club, he'd respond, "Against the advice of all my friends."

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The North Kingstown, R I, public library has a new set of encyclopedias. Persistent pleas for replacement were unheeded, but a mbr of the library bd decided that some action would have to be taken when he had occasion to look up uranium and found it defined as "a useless metal not found in the U S."

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We are reminded by *Variety*, the entertainment trade jnl, that a significant change is taking place in the selection of material for motion pictures. As recently as '50, 73.4% of films were produced from original screenplays. By '55 this figure had dropped to 51.8%. This yr, screen originals will account for less than half the total production. Hollywood is of course, using more novels, but there is also a rapidly-growing tendency to adapt non-fiction titles.

"An intellectual," says the *Milwaukee Jnl*, "is a person who checks a book out of the library that no one else has checked out in 5 yrs."

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One of our European scouts rep'ts *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, the aging best seller by Anita Loos, is enjoying a great sale in Russia. It is advertised there as a commentary on "morals in the capitalistic world."

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Now that the 1st volume of Sir Winston Churchill's *History of The English-Speaking Peoples* (Dodd, Mead) is announced, following close upon his war memoirs, there may be considerable speculation as to how the indefatigable "Winnie" contrived the time for so exhaustive and exhausting a labor. Simple fact is that the History was begun 20 yrs ago, and was virtually completed before the 2nd World War. It was, however, subsequently revised and extended. Of this undertaking, Churchill himself says: "Writing a long and substantial book is like having a friend and companion at your side to whom you can always turn for comfort and amusement, and whose society becomes more attractive as a new and widening field of interest is lighted in the mind."

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DISARMAMENT—11

The difficulties in the way of achieving an enforceable system of disarmament are immense. Maybe the problem is insoluble now as it has been in the past. But it seems to me that the urgency is such that we can settle for nothing less than a sustained and dogged search for effective disarmament with the best brains we can muster, and that we have no greater foreign policy objective.—ADLAI STEVENSON.

EFFORT—13

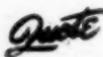
A man watching a fisherman trying hard to land a big fish turned to a companion and asked: "Is the man fishing or is the fish manning?"—ESTHER LLOYD-JONES, Prof of Education, Columbia Univ Teachers College, "Women today and their Education," *Teachers College Record*, 4-'56.

EDUCATION—12

I would say that the European system (of education) tends to build an intellectual type, while the American type of education tries to enrich the student's life, improve his sense of social responsibility, and help him in his pursuit of happiness. These American values are completely unknown in Europe.—BOGDAN RADITSA, "American vs European Education," *Texas Outlook*, 4-'56.

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The U S is spending about 2½% of nat'l income on education. In contrast we spend more than 4% on recreation. We spend more money for comic books than for all textbooks used in our elementary and high schools. In '51 the amount spent for adv'g was \$199 for every family in the U S, but the amount spent for primary and secondary education was \$152 per household.—ADM H M RICKOVER, Navy Atomic Expert, *American Teacher Mag.*



Quote scrap book

We now mark the 220th anniversary of the birth of American patriot, PATRICK HENRY (May 29, 1736) with these words spoken in the Virginia Convention, at Richmond:

We are not weak if we make proper use of those means which the God of Nature has placed in our power . . . The battle, sir is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.

FAITH—14

Faith covers all the ground of Trust, but it covers more. It is not content to rest in confidence. To do, to aspire, to scale heights are the motives of its being. It begins its mission where that of Trust leaves off. Trust is satisfied. Faith is moved by divine discontent. It seeks; it asks; it strives. To work is its prime impulse. Faith without works, according to St James, is dead. To exist at all Faith must prove its force by doing.—BAS'L KING, *Faith & Success* (Doubleday).

FAITH—15

As it is with unity—so it is with faith. Faith demands devout, enduring dedication to our belief that democracy is the only just way of life. This dedication no more implies fanaticism than unity implies uniformity. A great philosopher who died not long ago, Geo Santayana, once remarked, "Fanaticism consists in redoubling your effort when you have forgotten your aim." That is precisely the way we must not defend freedom today.—**Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER.**

FREEDOM—16

Free men will find right answers more often than wrong answers, and the history of tyranny shows that men who are not free find very few answers of any kind.—**CHAS DOLLARD, Pres, Carnegie Corp'n.**

GENIUS—17

Genius is often nothing more than inflamed enthusiasm.—*Anna-belle*, Zurich (QUOTE translation).

GOD—and Man—18

There are times when even the godly should give God the benefit of the doubt.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

GOVERNMENT—19

As Franklin walked out of the Convention Hall he was asked: "What have you given us?"

And Franklin, past 80, yet with his great mind still looking to the future, gave his answer to that question: "A republic, sir, if you can keep it."—*American Mercury*.

HAPPINESS—20

It's pretty hard for any of us to go thru this world without either increasing or diminishing somebody's happiness.—*P-K Sideliner*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

HISTORY—21

There are many ways of looking at the past and learning from it. If the teacher chooses the way of smug, patriotic self-satisfaction—"we were always right, they were always wrong"—the pupil will hardly grow up to see his country's history in any kind of true perspective.—**E H DANCE.**

IMAGINATION—22

The history of civilization is essentially the record of man's creative ability. Imagination is the corner-stone of human endeavor,—**ALEX F OSBORN, *Applied Imagination*** (Scribners).

INITIATIVE—23

A man lost his watch while cutting and storing ice in an old ice house many yrs ago. He knew he had dropped it somewhere in the sawdust, but he was unable to find it. He offered a reward, and others of the crew looked with lanterns and rakes, but no one could find it. Then, when the men went to lunch, a boy who had been watching them, went into the ice house. They were surprised, on their return, to learn the boy had found the watch. When questioned, he explained, "I just laid down in the sawdust and listened, and I heard the watch ticking."—**JAS E SWEANY, "Prepare Your Path with Prayer," Good Business**, 5-'56.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—24

Juvenile crime is often recognized as the love of fun "gone wrong." Bad gangs can have their interests diverted until they become good basketball teams.—**WALTER L SCOTT, *Recreation*.**

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Entertainment Weekly

Joan: Impossible Reality

This season, 525 yrs after Joan of Arc burned at the stake (May 30, 1431), B'way ("The Lark") and TV ("Trial at Rouen") offer new proof of writers' undiminished fascination with the Maid of Orleans. In Sat'dy Review (1-14-'56), John Steinbeck suggests a reason for St Joan's hold on our imaginations:

The story of Joan could not possibly have happened—and it did. This is the miracle, the worrisome nagging fact... Here I think is the reason writers are drawn to Joan, altho their sense of reality is outraged by her story. We know what can and must happen, given the ingredients of life. But there is not one among us who does not dream that the rules may sometimes be set aside—and the dream come true. We have the traditions of many miracles—but usually witnesses were few, the records sparse and uncertain, and the truth obscured by time and the wishful recording of "after the fact." But to the miracle of Joan the witnesses were legion, the records exact, and the fact established. This is a miracle that *did* happen, and rules that were set aside. There is in our minds, because of Joan, the conviction that if it could happen then—it can happen again. This is perhaps the greatest miracle of all—the little bit of Joan living in all of us.

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KNOWLEDGE—25

Knowledge is the only instrument of production that is not subject to diminishing returns.— J M CLARK, quoted in *Royle Forum*, hm, John Royle & Sons.

LIFE—Living—26

I am more and more convinced that our happiness or unhappiness depends far more on the way we meet the events of life than on the nature of those events themselves.—KARL VON HUMBOLDT, *Science*.

LONELINESS—27

A famous doctor was asked recently to name the most devastating disease today. "Loneliness," he said. "Just plain loneliness." He went on, "The longer I practice, the surer I am that there's no condition so acute, so universal. Everybody, at one time or another, is subject to its ravages. With many the dis-ease becomes chronic. And not a few live constantly under its blight—melancholy, bored, forlorn, friendless. Doctors can't cure it. Only the victims can."—CLARENCE W HALL, "How to Cope With Loneliness," *Christian Herald*, 4-'56.

MERCHANDISING—28

Americans have a reputation all over the world for being always in a hurry. They waste plenty of time, true—but they want to waste it in a place and manner of their own choosing.

Modern merchandising, to be successful, must gear itself to the fast pace of modern man. This is an age of 2-hr dry cleaners and drive-in banks; of jet planes and fast cars. Everything is being set up for the convenience of the man who's in a hurry.—*Pacific Oil-Motive Mag.*

Edited by Janet Baldwin

Dairy Month (June 1-30)

Nat'l Circus Wk (June 1-7)

May 27—Pres Franklin D Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited nat'l emergency" 15 yrs ago (1941), while overseas Britain eased its emergency a bit by sinking the *Bismarck*, largest Nazi battleship.

May 28 — Farsighted NY 75 yrs ago (1881) enacted the 1st pure food and drug law (nat'l legislation took 25 yrs longer). . . For what it's worth, know that 25 yrs ago (1931) J M Miller finished the 1st cross-country autogiro flight (San Diego to Philadelphia).

May 29—220th b'day anniv (1736) of Patrick Henry, foremost orator of the Revolution movement. . . Sir Wm Gilbert (of the G & S operetta team) drowned 45 yrs ago (1911) while trying to rescue another. . . The President's official flag was adopted 40 yrs ago (1916).

May 30—*Memorial Day*. . . *Feast of Joan of Arc*. . . 525 yrs ago (1431) Joan of Arc, 19-yr-old French peasant girl whose "voices" drove her to victorious leadership of armies against the English, was burned as a witch (the young martyr, later canonized a Catholic saint, has intrigued countless authors as a subject, including G B Shaw, Twain, Anatole France, Schiller). . . Ray Harroun won the first 500-Mile Race at the Indianapolis Speedway 45 yrs ago (1911), burning up the "brickyards" with a 74-mph average.



May 31—S Africa's provinces, led by gifted statesman Jan Smuts, formed the Union of S Africa 50 yrs ago (1906). . . Since the Kaiser's ships fled, Britain claimed victory in World War I's controversial Battle of Jutland, 40 yrs ago (1916) off the Danish coast (but some tacticians say the escape of the German fleet practically intact prolonged the war by a yr).

June 1—The 1st breech-loading rifle was described as a "secret weapon" in its 1st mention 180 yrs ago (1776), in the *British Annual Register*. . . Tennessee entered the Union as the 16th state 160 yrs ago (1796) . . . 155th anniv (1801) of b of Brigham Young, who assumed leadership of the Mormons after Jos Smith, leading them to their Utah settling-place from the Midwest. . . The 1st skirmish of the Civil War occurred 95 yrs ago (1861) at Fairfax Co Courthouse, Virginia.

June 2—Maine, 1st state to pass prohibition laws, entered its record 78-yr dry spell 105 yrs ago (1851). . . Grover Cleveland married his 2nd wife, Frances Folsom, 70 yrs ago (1886), in the 1st White House wedding ceremony.

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PEACE—29

The new dimensions of peace are many-sided. We cannot produce a peaceful world with nuclear weapons, essential as they are. Without ideas, faith and understanding, our foreign-aid dollars, too, are hopelessly inadequate. We can no more use them to purchase our salvation than we can exact salvation at bayonet point.—CHESTER BOWLES.

Out here in the mid-west we are planning for the emergence, sometime this month, of the 17-yr locust.

Actually, the insect isn't a "locust" at all; it is a cicada. The 17-yr incubation or development period of the cicada is one of the longest known for any insect. The periodic cicada (*Magicicada septendecim*) is a precise little creature appearing, in this area, regularly each 17th yr. (There is a southern species developing in 13 yrs.) We have, however, in the central and northern part of the U.S., 17 distinct broods of the cicada, with some occasional overlapping of territory. This has led to a false impression that the periodic cicada does not invariably observe the 17-yr cycle.

The periodic cicada suffers from the reputation of other types of "locusts" which often damage farm and garden crops. The 17-yr cicada is a woodland species. Damage is pretty well restricted to forest trees and usually is temporary. Young fruit trees, however, should be covered with cheesecloth during the 7-wk life-span of the cicada.

And, oh yes: the male cicada's "music" isn't made with its legs, as you may have heard. The sound-producing organs are a kind of drum on each side of the base of the abdomen. These drums vibrate by action of powerful muscles.

PROBLEMS—30

I'm afraid we have become a nation of plodders, who feel that all problems can be found in books and that the answers are on a certain page. — CLARENCE LINDER, v-pres Gen'l Motors Corp'n, *Balance Sheet*.

PRODUCTION—31

Productivity gains in our economy are not automatic—they can be choked off by the stifling of incentive, by drying up the sources of investment capital, by making risk too costly, by discouraging research, and by the deadening hand of inequitable taxation.—*Industrial Press Service*.

RELIGION—32

When someone tells me that he has never had a moment of probing religious doubt I find myself wondering whether he has ever known a moment of vital religious conviction.—HAROLD A. BOSLEY, *Sermons on the Psalms* (Harper).

SALESMANSHIP—33

If suddenly all salesmen stopped selling and all advertising stopped appearing, spiders would soon be spinning webs across the entrances to our factories. There is no production without sales.—ARLAND GILBERT, quoted in *Jacqua Way*, hm, Jacqua Co.

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SPEECH—Speaking—34

During a political rally in Canada the platform suddenly gave way and threw the speaker to the ground. A committee of ordinary citizens has been sent across the border to determine exactly how it was done.—*Sunshine Mag.*

SUCCESS—35

The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work.—*ELMER G LETTERMAN, Mgt Review.*

TAXES—36

A married man with 1 child and an income of \$10,000 a yr pays \$1,504 in income taxes in the U S; \$3,130, in Italy; \$3,335, in Britain; \$3,450, in France; \$3,675, in West Germany.—*Survey Bulletin.*

TRANSPORTATION—37

Guided missiles may be carrying a portion of the nation's air freight by 1966, Dr Simon Ramo, exec vpres of the Ramo-Wooldridge Corp'n of Los Angeles, told the American Rocket Soc'y recently.—*Science News Letter.*

UNITED NATIONS—38

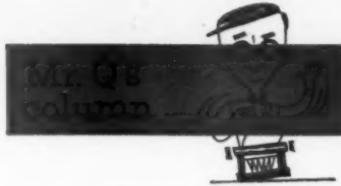
The United Nations cannot guarantee peace any more than a doctor can guarantee health. But would that be a good reason for doing away with doctors?—*ANDRE MAURIOS* quoted in *Democratic Digest.*

VALUES—39

What we need most is not so much to realize the ideal as to idealize the real.—*F H HEDGE*, quoted in *Royle Forum*, hm, John Royle & Sons.

WORRY—40

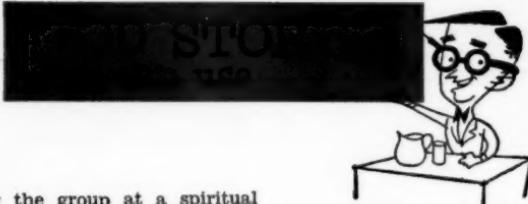
Worry grows lushly in the soil of indecision.—*NORMAN G SHIDLE*, editorial, *SAE Jnl.*



In *Illustrierte* (Frankfurt, Germany) we note a rep't that the new yr began dismally in America, due to a revolution in the calendar industry. The well-known and well-loved pin-up beauties have disappeared (says our for'gn contemporary) because of the organized opposition of women's groups; they have been replaced by calendars featuring recipes. This may come as a surprise to those who have noted no substantial diminution of feminine pulchritude in the calendar offerings of garages and plumbing establishments. Evidently an active black mkt exists! But if, perchance, pin-ups do disappear from the public marts, lovers of art in its more revealing forms are counseled to preserve their current calendars. They will again be useful in 1984. We have the word of Dutch mathematician Brium that the days of the wk fall on the same dates each 28 yrs. . . And before we forsake this fascinating topic, we quote Marilyn Monroe on the subject of a rather well publicised artistic offering: "Those calendars? I'm saving one for my grandchildren!"

In the hurly-burly of passing events we have apparently overlooked a development of social significance. From the *N Y Herald-Tribune* we quote: "The girl went to the forward ladies' room."

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Among the group at a spiritual seance were the wife and family of a recently-departed restaurant waiter.

In spite of all her efforts, the medium seemed unable to get in touch with the gentleman in the beyond.

"Come, my friends," she urged, "let's try to concentrate a little harder. I'm sure we'll get thru."

Solemnly they again held hands and tried to coordinate their thinking. Suddenly there was a faint sound in the distance.

"Hush!" cautioned the medium, "I think we've reached him." Then, in a low whisper, she called:

"Hello, there, Sam. Can you come thru to us?"

From far, far away came the faint voice of the waiter. "Sorry," it said, "this isn't my table."—E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* a

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I was watching the rehearsal of a Christmas play in our Sunday School last winter. The tiny Biblical characters did quite well, and after the final curtain laughed and chattered about their accomplishments. Two little girls near me were arguing about their respective roles, and Judy, the older one, finally shouted, "My part is the hardest! Everybody knows it's harder to be a virgin than an angel."—M M CAREY, *True.* b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

BETH RUSSLER

I know a preacher whose congregation flinches against his time-worn theme: the sin of staying away from church on Sunday. One Monday not long ago this preacher buttonholed one of his young parishioners with the greeting that he had missed him in church the preceding day. He then launched into the subject of Sunday's sermon:

"Son, you don't stay away from the movies because it's too much trouble to get dressed, or you were out late the night before. Now, that's true, isn't it?"

"Yes, preacher, it is," agreed the unabashed young man. "But you don't go if you've already seen the picture."

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In the Dep't of Commerce at Washington there's a vast new Census Bureau map which makes clear, even to a child, the rapid growth of our nation. A blue light flicks every 8 seconds to note the birth of a child somewhere in the U S. A red light flashing each 21 seconds, denotes a death. Christy Carpenter, aged 6, was observing the map when a lunch bell rang. "Somewhere in the country," she said, "a hen must have laid an egg."—QUOTE Washington Bureau c

"You need to relax and get away from it all," the doctor told his patient. "Could you go abroad?"

"Sure could, Doc," said the patient. "What's she look like?"—*Wooden Barrel*, hm, Assoc'd Co-operage Industries.

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A father in line ahead of me at the suburban super-mkt told the man ahead of him that he was apprehensive as to what his daughter's teacher thinks of him. Seems that one night to pay the paperboy he borrowed a dollar from 1st-grader Gail, who is thrifty and money-conscious.

The next day, shortly before noon, he got to worrying lest he had taken her lunch money. He left his office, hurried to the school, knocked at the door of her classroom and asked to speak with Gail.

"Do you have any money?" he asked anxiously.

"Yes," she ans'd in cool tones clearly audible to the teacher, "but you can't have any more. I gave you all I could spare last night."—MILDRED S FENER, editor, *NEA Jnl.*

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The boy friend was sitting in the living room patiently waiting for his longtime fiancee to come down. Making conversation with her father, he said, "You know I've been going with your daughter for exactly 10 yrs." "Well, what do you want?" her father said, "a pension?"—*Indiana Telephone News*, hm, Indiana Bell Telephone Co.

There's nothing new under the sun—and it's the same old malarkey under the moon, too.—D O FLYNN.

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When somebody you went to school with gets elected to public office you're amazed all over again at America's ability to survive.—Hartford Courant.

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There are few instances of loneliness more outstanding than that of a motorist who suddenly finds himself going the wrong way on a one-way street. — ARCH JARRELL, Grand Island (Neb) Daily Independent.

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Women take to good hearted men. Also from.—Woodmen Barrel, hm, Assoc'd Cooperage Industries of America.

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No brain is stronger than its weakest think. — Industrial Press Service

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Power mowers are fast ridding our neighborhoods of week-end drudgery—also wk-end quietness.—P-K Sideline, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

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"The home of the brave" is ANY home built at present prices, under prevailing "codes."— Anon.

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"THINK MINK"—Sign in Holly-wood charm school.

Quote

Among makers of fine precision tools the rivalry has long been keen, not only between American firms but also between the latter and various European mfrs. Anent this, an engineering friend tells the following story:

An American tool mfr, experimenting with a new process of drawing wire, produced a steel wire of such extreme fineness as to be almost invisible. Chortling with glee over the achievement, they mailed a strand of it to a rival concern in Europe, with this query: "What do you fellows think of this?"

Two mo's passed before they rec'd any reply to the implied challenge. Then one day the postman left a package on their desk, bearing a for'gn post-mark. They opened it. Inside was a small metal block, and on it, stretched between 2 standards, was a bit of that same strand of wire. Fixed above the wire, on another standard, was a small microscope lens.

Silently each mbr of the firm peered thru the lens at their delicate bit of wire. Exactly thru its axis their rivals had drilled a hole! —*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co. g

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Again and again he had them all rehearse the whole scene—the dancers, the musicians, the singer. Finally he yelled, "Where do you think we are—in an insane asylum?"

"No," came a voice from 'way back, "At least the head man is sane there." — *Sonnenschein*, Bielefeld (QUOTE translation). h

Quote

Charlie was very glum because his favorite girl had ditched him for another fellow. His father said: "I feel sorry for Charlie," but his mother remarked, "Don't you worry about Charlie; he'll pull out of this. Charlie has initiative, Charlie has good looks, Charlie has personality, Charlie has charm."

At this point, Charlie who was listening from the sidelines, remarked: "And if Charlie only had a slick convertible like that other fellow has, he could get his girl back." —*Atlas News*, hm, Atlas Auto Finance Co. i

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Then there was the sweet young thing who signalled a taxicab and said to the driver, "To the maternity hospital, and never mind rushing. I only work there." —*Pacific Oil-Motive Mag.* j

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A Washington bureaucrat parked his car in a lot whose sign read: "All Day Parking—35¢."

At lunch time, the bureaucrat asked the boy at the gate if he could drive his car away to lunch, bring it back after an hr and not pay a 2nd time.

The attendant's reply was typically Washington. "Sir, each car that comes in has to pay 35¢, and don't argue with me. I'm not on the policy-making level." —*AMA Jnl.* k

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The bright pupil looked long and thoughtfully at the 2nd examination question, which read: "State the number of tons of coal shipped out of the U S in any given yr." Then his brow cleared and he wrote: "1492—none." —*L & N Mag.*, hm, Louisville & Nashville Ry. l

Richard Armour



On The Line

The Utah Basin Telephone Association has installed a device which cuts off telephone conversations after five minutes.— News item.

Five minutes will, nine times in ten,
Suffice for busy businessmen
To close a million-dollar deal
Or make a date with some Big
Wheel
Or plan a game of golf or poker
Or place an order with their broker.

Five minutes, tho, will hardly do
For all the many housewives who
Must tell, with words of joy or
gloom,
Just who it was said what to whom
And how to make a cheese souffle
And what the children did today.

And when it comes to teen-age
phoners—
Those hour-long sighing, giggling
groaners—
Five minutes won't suffice for
greeting.
But as the final minute's fleeting,
We who are waiting for the line
Will feel a chill run up our spine
To hear, amidst the drool and yack:
"I'll hang up now. You call me
back."

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A question on a physiology exam read: "How may one gain good posture?"

A country boy chewed his pencil, then wrote: "Keep the cows off it and let it grow a while."—Texas Outlook.

A bus driver was making his usual run out of the city, thru the suburbs and into the country. Along the way he tossed pkgs of newspapers to be picked up later by the distributors.

Suddenly a car pulled alongside, honking furiously. The bus pulled to a stop at the side of the rd and waited for the motorist to come alongside. "Don't know what's the matter," the motorist called, "but you seem to be losing papers. I've been picking them up for the last hr." And he handed over the bus driver's entire morning delivery.— Balance Sheet. n

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After a speech a famous lecturer and wit was approached by a little white-haired woman who told him how much she had enjoyed his talk. "I take the liberty to speak to you," she admitted, "because you said you loved old ladies."

"I do, I do," was the gallant reply, "and I also like them your age."— United Mine Workers Jnl. o

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A boxer was knocked flat in the 1st round of his bout. The referee began to count over the prone figure. Observing that the boxer seemed perfectly okay, altho he lay motionless on the canvas, the referee didn't stop at the conventional maximum of "10" but went right on with "11," "12," "13," and so on.

When he reached "21," the boxer rolled over. "You is very fair, Mr Ref," he said, "but I think you oughta know—I is thru for the night." — JOE CREASON, Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag. p

Quote

SECOND CLASS MATTER

SAMIER EL-RAFAL, Jordan Premier: "No pact is necessary. All America needs to do is send us more money —without strings attached."

1-Q-t

BILLY ROSE, explaining why he became a theatrical producer: "I guess I wanted to wear a black hat and meet girls."

2-Q-t

Mrs FELIX GRUNDY GREENWELL, Bardstown, Ky., mother of 10 children, asked how she felt on her 75th wedding anniversary: "Well, I feel like I've been married."

3-Q-t

Edited by Alice Jacobs

That extremely and variously useful vehicle, the station wagon, is rapidly becoming a favorite of a growing army of campers. The May issue of *Ford Times* reports enthusiastically on 2 new items designed to add to the convenience of station-wagon camping. Both items have been tested with satisfactory results:

Stoves that sit on the open tailgate are a recent development. Stoves burn propane gas, which comes in disposable cylinders. Each cylinder delivers about 15 hrs of cooking. Fuel is already under pressure, so no pumping is required.

Just turn valve and touch match to burner. *Bernz-O-Matic Corp.*, 280 Lyell Ave, Rochester 6 N Y, offers one and 2-burner models of this stove, also a mantle-type lamp that gives about 20 hrs of light on one cylinder of fuel.

The other new item is the wagon mat, which is a mattress that can be folded along crosswise pleats and is tailored to fit around the wheel wells. It covers entire floor behind the front seat, making a good foundation for a double bed. The wagon mat is made by *Suburban Products Co.*, Box 1452, Decatur, Ala.

